

SENATOR HUGHES

***Honoring Kate McNeilis
as a 2009 Division I State Swimming Champion.***

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 128th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to congratulate Kate McNeilis on winning the 2009 Division I State Championship in the 110-yard backstroke; and

WHEREAS, A junior at Dublin Scioto High School, Kate McNeilis has combined talent and competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship to establish herself as a truly exceptional young athlete. With admirable dedication, she has worked diligently toward attaining ultimate proficiency in swimming, and as a result, she won this year's Division I State Championship in the 110-yard backstroke with a state record time of 54.3 seconds; and

WHEREAS, Kate McNeilis' accomplishments and leadership, both in and out of competition, are a justifiable source of pride and a fine reflection not only on her but also on her family, her teammates, her mentor, Coach Mike deBear, her school, and her community. Her unwavering commitment to excellence has earned her the respect and esteem of many, and she is certainly worthy of high praise; and

WHEREAS, With athletic competition playing such an important role in the total education of our young people, we are extremely pleased to pay tribute to Kate McNeilis on an exemplary season. Indeed, the same maturity and experience she has gained through her participation in swimming will greatly aid her in meeting the challenges of the future; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 128th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend Kate McNeilis on her personal success and salute her as one of Ohio's finest young citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Kate McNeilis.

I, Vincent L. Keeran, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution No. 35, adopted by the Ohio Senate, April 14, 2009.

***Vincent L. Keeran
Clerk of the Senate***

***Senator Bill Harris
President of the Senate***

***Senator Jim Hughes
Senatorial District No. 16***